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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the third session of the Committee on Social Development (Section I) and the annotations to the provisional agenda (Section II).

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session

(a) Opening statements

The programme for the opening ceremony will be announced in due course.

(b) Election of officers

The Committee will elect a chair, a vice-chair and a rapporteur.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/CSD(3)/L.1/Rev.1)

Annotation

The Committee will consider and adopt the provisional agenda, subject to such changes as may be deemed necessary.

2. Review of social development trends and challenges in the context of the development agenda beyond 2015

Documentation

Confronting rising inequalities in Asia and the Pacific: trends and opportunities in the context of the development agenda beyond 2015 (E/ESCAP/CSD(3)/1)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it a background document that provides an overview of key social development trends and challenges in the Asian and Pacific region, particularly focusing on inequality trends and analyses with special attention to the situation of women and disadvantaged social groups, including youth, persons with disabilities, older persons and migrants. The analysis will draw from the key lessons learned from the regional implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally and regionally agreed development goals.

Delegations may wish to deliver succinct country statements highlighting national experiences in reducing poverty and tackling inequalities, particularly focusing on their social and economic impacts on women and disadvantaged social groups. The outcome of the deliberations is intended to provide policy recommendation on means for strengthening the social pillar, as well as its integration with the economic and environment pillars, of the sustainable development agenda beyond 2015.

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3. Consideration of thematic focus on gender equality and women's empowerment in preparation for the twentieth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women

(a) Review of regional preparations for the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review (Bangkok, 17-20 November 2014)

Documentation

Asia-Pacific road map for the 20-year review of progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (E/ESCAP/CSD(3)/2)

Annotation

The year 2015 will mark the twentieth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women. Under this agenda item, the Committee will consider the regional process and expected outcomes of the 20-year review of progress in implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in Asia and the Pacific.[1] Regional preparations have been initiated, including preparations for the convening by ESCAP, in cooperation with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), of the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review in Bangkok from 17 to 20 November 2014.

As a basis for its deliberations, the Committee will have before it a secretariat document outlining the regional review process, which comprises three tracks: (a) research and analysis; (b) intergovernmental consensus building; and (c) stakeholder engagement.

The Committee will be invited to review the Beijing+20 regional review process and consider means of optimizing the engagement of member States, including ensuring high-level ministerial participation in the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review.

(b) Consideration of the framework and elements of a draft outcome document for the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review

Documentation

Elements of a draft outcome document for the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review (E/ESCAP/CSD(3)/WP.1)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Committee will review the elements of a draft outcome document for the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender

[1] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review, which was developed on the basis of preliminary feedback from member States to an intergovernmental survey conducted by the ESCAP secretariat on the 12 critical areas of concern of the Beijing Platform for Action.

The Committee may wish to provide comments on the structure and content of the draft outcome document, as appropriate. The feedback received will be integrated into a revised draft to be submitted for the consideration of the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review.

4. Consideration of the programmatic focus and planned outputs in the field of social development for the biennium 2016-2017

Documentation

Programmatic focus and planned outputs in the field of social development for the biennium 2016-2017 (E/ESCAP/CSD(3)/3)

Annotation

Under this agenda item, the Committee may wish to provide guidance on the focus of the work of the secretariat for the biennium 2016-2017 in the field of social development, with particular respect to outputs and taking into account the programmatic direction and priorities outlined in the strategic framework for 2016-2017, as endorsed by the Commission at its seventieth session.

5. Consideration of draft resolutions for submission to the Commission at its seventy-first session

Annotation

Under this agenda item, Committee members may wish to circulate, in advance, proposals and/or texts of draft resolutions on priority issues related to social development for the consideration of the Commission at its seventy-first session, to be held in 2015.

6. Other matters

Documentation

Dates for the fourth session of the Committee on Social Development (E/ESCAP/CSD(3)/4)

Annotation

The Committee will have before it a document on dates for its fourth session. It may wish to consider holding the fourth session of the Committee on Social Development in the last quarter of 2016. Under this agenda item, the Committee may also wish to consider any other matters brought to its attention.

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee

Documentation

Draft report (E/ESCAP/CSD(3)/L.2)

Annotation

The Committee will consider the draft report on its third session for adoption and submission to the Commission at its seventy-first session, in 2015.

8. Closing of the session

Closing statements will be delivered.